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Applicant : Meng, et al.  
Appl. No. : 09/579,327  
Filed : May 25, 2000  
For : IMMUNE-STIMULATING  
BACTERIAL CELL WALL  
EXTRACTS  
Examiner : Fields, I.

Group Art Unit 1645

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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action which was sent from the United States Patent and  
Trademark Office on October 23, 2001 (Paper No. 9), which was not entered, and the Advisory  
Action of February 26, 2002 (Paper No. 11), please amend the above-captioned patent  
application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please replace Claim 1 with the following:

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1. (Amended) A method for producing an immune stimulating composition  
comprising:  
treating bacteria containing peptidoglycan with an acid having a pH less than pH  
7;  
removing large cellular components from the solution resulting from said treating;  
and  
saving the remaining solution and adjusting the pH to a physiologically acceptable  
pH.

## REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)

UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

1. Submission Required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114:

- ☐ Previously submitted:
- ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on ??.
- ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on .
- ☒ Enclosed:
- ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
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- ☒ Return Postcard

2. Miscellaneous:

- ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed three months).

3. Fees:

- ☒ RCE fee (\$370 small entity)
- ☐ Fee for suspension (\$130)

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(X) Extension of Time fee:

- ☐ One Month (\$55/\$110)
- ☐ Two Month (\$200/\$400)
- ☒ Three Month (\$460)

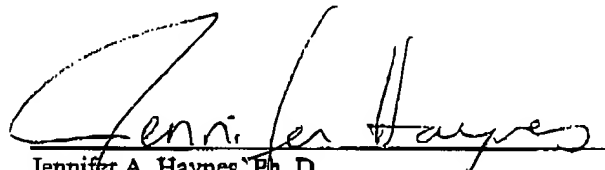
4. Payment:

(X) Check in the amount of \$830.00 to cover the above fees.

(X) The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 and § 1.17 which may be required, now or in the future, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

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